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# Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards

### **Export Certificate Report - Update**

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#### **Report Highlights:**

Bahrain continues to require Health and Country of Origin Certificates as well as the original Bill of Lading, Invoice and Packing list to accompany each food shipment. In addition to the above, all poultry and meat shipments have to be accompanied by a Halal Slaughter Certificate.

Includes PSD Changes: No Includes Trade Matrix: No Unscheduled Report Dubai [TC1] [BA] **Notice:** The information contained in this report represents the Agricultural Trade Office's (ATO) current understanding of Bahraini import requirements. These requirements may be subject to change without notice or there may be requirement of which ATO is unaware. Exporters should work closely with their importers in determining documentation requirements or contact the ATO at <a href="mailto:atodubai@usda.gov">atodubai@usda.gov</a> for additional guidance.

**SECTION I: REQUIRED EXPORT CERTIFICATES** 

Products	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
Dry pea, lentil, Rice, see fresh fruits & vegetables, etc.	Phytosanitary Certificate	This is to certify that the plant(s) products described above: -have been inspected according to appropriate procedures, and -are considered to be free from quarantine pests and particularly free from other injurious pests, and -are considered to conform to Phytosanitary regulations of the importing country	Pest and insect free confirmation	Public Health Directorate, Ministry of Health
All products	Country of Origin Certificate	The goods are of "xxx" origin	Country of origin confirmation	Customs
All products	Health Certificate	The goods have been prepared and shipped under sanitary conditions, do not contain harmful ingredients, and are fit for human consumption.	Health Certificate	Public Health Directorate, Ministry of Health
All Products produced in Europe	Radioactivity Certificate 1/	The goods have been tested for radioactivity and found to be safe for human consumption Cs-134: < 10 Bp/kg Cs-137: < 10 Bp/kg	Health Certificate for products coming from Europe	Public Health Directorate
Meat & Poultry Products	Halal Slaughter Certificate	Animals were slaughtered in accordance to Islamic/Sharia laws & requirements	Product produce in accordance with Sharia Law confirmation	Public Health Directorate

<sup>1/</sup> Required for products originating from Europe only

## **SECTION II: PURPOSE OF SPECIFIC EXPORT CERTIFICATE**See Section I above.

#### SECTION III: SPECIFIC ATTESTATION REQUIRED ON THE EXPORT CERTIFICATE

- (a) Halal Slaughter Certificates have to be legalized by the Bahraini Embassy in the exporting country. Embassy from any other Arab country will suffice in the absence of Bahraini Embassy.
- (b) If exporter fails to legalize the Halal Slaughter Certificate, the Bahrain importer may do the notarization locally in Bahrain

#### SECTION IV: GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATE LEGAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Original certificates must accompany shipment at the time of entry. Sometimes importers are allowed to have the documents sent to their banks.
- Certificates are used for only the accompanying shipment since it carries the details of the shipments.
- U.S. State issued export certificates are acceptable
- Modification to any certificate is not permitted once issued and shipped to accompany the product.

#### SECTION V: OTHER CERTIFICATION/ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS

Original invoice, Bill of Lading and Packing List are required to accompany the abovereferenced certificates to complete the list of documents required by Custom Authorities for release of the shipment.

#### Appendix A.

The following are "samples" of certificates outlined in section I and accepted by Bahrain officials. The standardized export health certificates issued by FSIS and APHIS are not repeated here.

Note: At present Bahrain does not require a specific format for any certificate. Bahrain seeks only the information provided therein.

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